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SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENING MARCH 27 ECLA SESSION WERE FRIENDLY AND RELATIVELY MILD COMMENTS FROM THREE EASTERN EUROPEAN OBSERVERS AND PROMISE BY BOLIVIA TO MAKE LATER PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH US DECISION ON SALE OF STOCKPILE MATERIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY ECLA PLENARY SESSION EVENING MARCH 27, CONTINUING AFTER TALKS IN REFTEL:

2. THREE EASTERN EUROPEAN OBSERVER DELEGATES (USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA) SPOKE ALONG GENERALLY SIMILAR LINES. EACH (SPEAKING IN SPANISH) EMPHASIZED GROWING TIES WITH LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY IN TRADE. HAD SPECIAL WORDS OF PRAISE FOR CUBA AND CHILE. ALTHOUGH THEY MADE BRIEF CRITICISM OF MULTI-
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NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, OBSERVERS WERE RELATIVELY MILD IN COMMENTS ABOUT OUTSIDE "INTERFERENCE." ON POSITIVE SIDE, USSR OBSERVER REPORTED HIS COUNTRY READY TO SEND EXPERTS TO HELP ECLA ORGANIZE COURSE ON PLANNING AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ALSO SUGGESTED COOPERATION POSSIBLE BETWEEN SOVIET MINISTRIES AND EQUIVALENT ECLA DIVISIONS. CZECHOSLOVAKIA PROPOSED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

3. JAPAN (AMB. HIROSHI YOKOTA), ALSO AN OBSERVER, LISTED SPECIFIC JAPANESE TRADE POLICIES TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN NEAR FUTURE WHICH SHOULD HELP LATIN AMERICA. STATED NEW POLICIES WOULD PARTICULARLY HELP LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING PRODUCTS AND, TO LESSER EXTENT, MINERALS. CLAIMED JAPAN NEARING UN-ESTABLISHED GOALS FOR TOTAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. ADDED JAPAN IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

4. BOLIVIA (MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND PLANNING JULIO PRADO SALMON) SPOKE PESSIMISTICALLY OF REGION'S LACK OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS DURING PAST TEN YEARS. SAID LATIN AMERICA ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISES, FOR WHICH IT SHARES NO BLAME. PROPOSED REGION PREPARE ITS OWN STRATEGY AND THUS AVOID HARMFUL TIES TO OUTSIDE. TURNING TO RECENT US ANNOUNCEMENT ON SALE OF STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF MATERIALS, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT OBJECTED STRONGLY AND HE PROMISED, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, HE WOULD HAVE SOME PROPOSALS ON SUBJECT TO PLACE BEFORE ECLA.

5. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE DURING SECOND HALF MARCH 27, NINE SPEECHES BY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, PORTION OF HEADQUARTERS SECRETARIAT, AND CARIFTA.

6. MOST ABRASIVE SPEECH OF DAY CAME AT END FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. CONDEMNED IN BITTER TERMS "MONOPOLISTIC" ACTIVITIES OF US UNIONS AND MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS "WHICH WORK OUT OF AMERICA." STATED HIS ORGANIZATION'S APPRECIATION FOR AND SUPPORT OF UNION ACTIVITIES IN CHILE AND CUBA, AS WELL AS PANAMA'S EFFORTS TO GAIN CONTROL OF PANAMA CANAL. ASSERTED SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IGNORING HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY UN, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING BRAZIL AND GUATEMALA AND "MURDER OF UNION LEADERS" ELSEWHERE.

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